IN THE CLAIMS

Please rewrite claims 1, 28, 55, and 82 as illustrated below, canceling the previous version of each claim. Appendix A attached hereto includes a version of each claim rewritten to show the changes relative to the previous version of the claim.

(Amended) A method for claims data analysis, comprising the steps of:
 receiving information associated with a plurality of claims;
 providing responses into a data processing system in response to a set of queries
 associated with the information;

associating at least one practice from a predetermined set of best practices with the responses;

determining a loss economic opportunity associated with processing the plurality of claims based on the responses; and

determining a best practice based on the loss economic opportunity.

28. (Amended) An apparatus for claims data analysis, comprising:

a receiving module for receiving information associated with a plurality of claims;

a providing module for providing responses into a data processing system in

response to a set of queries associated with the information;

an associating module for associating at least one practice from a predetermined set of best practices with the responses;

a determining module for determining a loss economic opportunity associated with processing the plurality of claims based on the responses; and

a determining module determining a best practice based on the loss economic opportunity.

55. (Amended) A computer-readable medium containing instructions for claims data analysis, comprising:

receiving information associated with a plurality of claims;

providing responses into a data processing system in response to a set of queries associated with the information;

associating at least one practice from a predetermined set of best practices with the responses;

determining a loss economic opportunity associated with processing the plurality of claims based on the responses; and

determining a best practice based on the loss economic opportunity.

82. (Amended) A system for claims data analysis, comprising:

means for receiving information associated with a plurality of claims;

means for providing responses into a data processing system in response to a set of queries associated with the information;

means for associating at least one practice from a predetermined set of best practices with the responses;

means for determining a loss economic opportunity associated with processing the plurality of claims based on the responses; and

means for determining a best practice based on the loss economic opportunity.